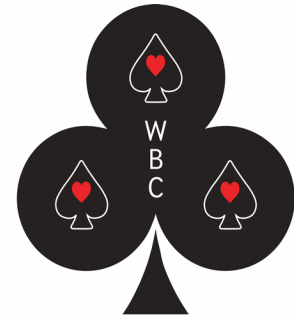


Warkworth Bridge Club

Newsletter –

Autumn 2023



OUR CLUB

WITH HEARTS IN SPADES

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter – the newsletter to keep you up to date with events, competitions and people at the Warkworth Bridge Club.

Coming Up at the Club:

Mondays – Singles Competition – finishes 24/4
Kawau Competition – 1/5, 8/5, 15/5, 22/5
29 May Training Session - Doubling
Welcome Pairs Competition – 5/6, 12/6, 19/6, 26/6

Tuesdays – Jeannie Fraser Trophy – 25/4, 2/5, 9/5, 16/5
Rita Collie Trophy – 23/5, 30/5, 6/6, 13/6
Rodney Pairs – 20/6, 27/6, 4/7, 11/7

Wednesdays – Rees Trophy (handicap event) – 19/4, 26/4, 3/5, 10/5
Captain's Trophy - 17/5, 24/5, 31/5, 7/6
Singles (different partner required each week) – 14/6, 21/6, 28/6, 5/7

If you have not tried playing on another day, give it a go. If you need a partner, contact the steward for the session and they will find you a partner. Bridge play improves with regular play and ideally more than once a week.

Congratulations

Recent results from Club events are as follows:

Monday: Summer Competition – Mary-Jane Hayward & Richard Norburn
Drawn Pairs Competition – Jan Bathgate & Rae Garnett

Tuesday: Introductory Competition – Rae & Bill Garnett
Feb for Fun - only 2 sessions due to storm
Warkworth Pairs – Jeanette Grimmer & Paul Grimmer
Individual – David Knighton

Wednesday: Presidents Trophy – Celia & David Knighton
Ron Barnett Trophy – Chris Moore & Claire Macpherson
Championship Pairs – Chris Moore & Richard Norburn

Well done everyone and thanks to all those who came along to make sure these competitions went ahead.

Cyclone Gabrielle Fundraiser

We all know someone who was affected more than us by the cyclone and so our Club committee decided to run a social bridge session as a fundraiser. A great afternoon was had by all who attended on Sunday 19th March. A total of \$1255 was raised thanks to the players who came, and the generosity of those who could not make it but wanted to contribute. We had 3 raffles, with most of the contents kindly donated by New World, and drinks and nibbles were enjoyed after play. Over the afternoon, we voted for the bridge club that would receive our funds to distribute in their area as they chose – overwhelmingly the winner was Dargaville Bridge Club. We all had such a good time that unfortunately no-one remembered to take any photos. From the comments received, we have decided we do not need to have a cyclone to enjoy a social bridge get together occasionally on a Sunday. Watch this space!

We can now confirm that after discussion with the Dargaville Bridge Club we have now paid the money to the Kaipara Mayoral Relief Fund with a specific request – which has been agreed to – that it is distributed to people in need who live in Dargaville.

People

Jan France Tournament Diary

With a slow start to the tournament schedule Alan and Jan started this year at the Orewa 8B restricted tournament in early February. There was a good turnout from the Warkworth club as 4 pairs headed south. The morning was not a good session for us, and we came in at 13th but after lunch things picked up and we finished 1st picking up 1B point and 80C points. The Warkworth pairs finished 12th (Paul & Jeanette Grimmer), 13th (Jan & Alan France), 14th Ian and Lynley Lewington -(top junior pair overall earning cash and a B point) and David and Celia Knighton finished in 22nd place.

Onward, and hopefully upward! Next up we played at the East Coast Bays 5B Intermediate tournament along with Steve Moore and Graeme Duhs. Again, a day of two halves for us. The morning session saw us coming in at 8th with Steve and Graeme taking 2nd spot with an impressive 63.14%. In the afternoon we rallied, and we placed 2nd with Steve and Graeme placing 5th. Steve and Graeme's morning score propelled them into 2nd place overall, with us finishing at 15th. The following weekend we set off for our holiday caravan in Russell ready to do battle at the Kerikeri 5B Intermediate/Junior Pairs. The morning session saw us finishing in 3rd place and with hope in our heart for making the top spot we sat down for the afternoon session. It was not to be, we ranked 4th in the afternoon, giving us 8th place overall with a respectable 53.4% overall and another 17C points for the pot.

April Fool's Day saw us sitting down at the Hibiscus Coast Bridge Clubs 5B Intermediate Pairs Tournament. With a 3rd place in the morning of 51.85% and a 2nd place 55.09% in the afternoon we walked away in 6th place overall with a 53.47% average. Collecting another 42C points along the way. A haul of 2B points and 39C points for the quarter.

If you have ever thought about going to a tournament but have just never got round to it, please come, and have a go. We will be off to East Coast Bays on the 13th May where they are holding both 5B Intermediate and a 3B Junior tournament on the same day. You can

register via the NZB webpage, upcoming tournaments and if anyone is interested, we could carpool. Thanks Jan for the report.

Interclub Tournaments

Our 2 Junior and 2 Intermediate teams in the Auckland Northland Regional Competition have played one round with the next one due shortly. These are once a month online on a Friday. It is early days yet so hard to tell who are the teams to beat but we are all off to a good start.

There are a number of local tournaments coming up – check out our website for details of these on the Tournament tab or see Dates for your Diary below or go to <https://www.nzbridge.co.nz/events.html> as all upcoming tournaments are listed with details on how to register. If you do go,

If you would like to know your grade, where you are in the ranking and how many points you have go the NZB webpage, dropdown masterpoints click on the search masterpoints tab and put your name or NZB number in the boxes.

For more information visit our webpage, news, masterpoints explained.

RealBridge

RealBridge is on every Friday night (except for interclub night) run by WBC – the link for the session each week is posted on the club website under the Real Bridge tab. Non club members are welcome to play – so if you have bridge playing friends feel free to send them the link – **Please note** that funds are deposited to our WBC bank account with the **02 suffix**. Not our general account with the 01 suffix. Thanks to those who have offered to learn how to run the sessions so these can continue when others are on holiday. If you would like to play online but haven't tried it yet, check out our website on the RealBridge tab as there is a link for new players. Or contact Lynley and she can assist. New players always welcome!

Ann & David Mansfield

Ann phoned Sarah recently, she was packing up to move to a retirement village in Auckland which was close to a care facility David was moving to. She had come across some papers relating to the Bridge Club when David had been involved in its administration. He was President in the late 1990s, and involved for many years in its administration. Amongst these was a brief history of bridge which is related below as it might be of interest.

Contract Bridge was invented in 1925 by Harold Vanderbilt, of America's Cup fame. He changed the scoring of Auction Bridge to include an incentive for bidding to high levels. As a result, Auction soon died and Contract became THE game. It has remained basically unchanged since that time.

The Club wishes Ann and David well with their move to Auckland, they have both been members for many years and their past contributions are very much appreciated.

Lighten the Load

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to enable our bridge sessions to run (relatively) smoothly – dealing, computer setup, scoring, directing, renting rooms to others, setting up and clearing up with afternoon tea on Tuesdays, etc. Thanks to those who help now but as the saying goes “many hands make light work!” If you would like to contribute in a small way, Sarah would love to hear from you!

Beginners’ Lessons

These started on 16 March and are for 10 weeks. Kathryn Burgess is running these this year and she says there has been an excellent turnout with everyone on time or early.

Apparently the only person who has been a bit late once was Kathryn! When the main lessons are finished Kathryn is planning on continuing the Thursday nights for a few more weeks under “club conditions” so the newbies can get a feel for how the Club works and meet some other members. If you can spare a Thursday evening or two then Kathryn would be delighted to see you. There will be more information on this in May.

Dates for your Diary – nearby tournaments

Auckland & Northland Tournaments you might be interested in

May

13th May 2023 – East Coast Bays Junior and Intermediate – 3B and 5B

June

18th June 2023 – Dargaville Intermediate/Junior Pairs - 5B

24th June 2023 - Howick Intermediate Pairs – 5B

July

1st July 2023 – Mt Albert Intermediate Pairs - 5B

There are plenty more tournaments on the NZ Bridge website – and there are also some online.

NZ Bridge National Congress is being held in Mt Maunganui from 23rd September – 29th September with a number of pairs and teams events in each grade. Several pairs from Warkworth are likely to participate – give it a go! You do not need to go for the whole week!

Happy bridge and we look forward to seeing you at the Club – remember, if you need a partner let someone know! We also welcome new players.

If you would like to contribute to the next newsletter (coming in Winter), or have some bridge news to include, please contact Lynley.

Warkworth Bridge Club Committee